

I would like to offer my support for RM-10787. While I appreciate the concerns of those opposed this measure, I feel that they are unfounded. Continuing to require Morse proficiency only serves as an unnecessary barrier to increasing the Amateur Radio ranks. Given today's technology arbitrarily favoring one mode of transmission over others is unwise. Should an operator chose to become proficient in and use Morse code, they should be congratulated and revered, but to hold all operators to this level is ill advised. It would be analogous to requiring digital or satellite proficiency. I personally would not be licensed today if it weren't for the elimination of Morse at the Tech level. I plan to eventually become proficient at Morse code as a matter of personal development, but for now I have time constraints.